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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7629

BILL NUMBER: HB 1798

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 8, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Storm water management.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bottorff

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill authorizes a county other than Marion County to establish a department of storm water management. (Current law provides that the department of public works acts as the department of storm water management in Marion County.) The bill provides that the drainage board of a county that has not adopted an ordinance to establish a department of storm water management may establish fees for services provided by the board to address issues of storm water quality and quantity. The bill makes conforming changes.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: If counties opted to levy a new tax, which would be subject to maximum annual increases, the state would be responsible for 20% property tax replacement credit (PTRC) for real property taxes used for the operations of the new departments. PTRC is paid from the Property Tax Replacement Fund, which is annually supplemented by the General Fund.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Counties that establish a department of storm water management would experience expenses related to the operation of the department. Counties would also have to pay travel expenses for members of the board of public works. The specific impact would depend on local action.

Explanation of Local Revenues: If a county established a department of storm water management, the county could assess and collect user fees from all the property of the storm water district for the operation and maintenance of the storm water system. The county could also levy a special benefits tax and issue

bonds to finance storm water management operations, facilities, and equipment. The amount of revenue that would be generated by the proposal would depend on local action.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties.

Information Sources:

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